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SUBJECT: JIC ASSESSMENTS ON CYPRUS

1. DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE TWO JIC ASSESSMENTS THIS WEEK ON CYPRUS. FIRST WAS IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT PREPARED SEPTEMBER 14 ON INCIDENT AT AVLONA BETWEEN TURKISH CYPRIOT FARMERS AND BRITISH UNIT OF UNFICYP. JIC THINKS INCIDENT "PROBABLY REPRESENTS THE LATEST MOVE IN THE TURKISH CAMPAIGN TO REMOVE UNFICYP FROM THE NORTH" AND "COULD BECOME A PRECEDENT FOR SIMILAR TURKISH ENCROACHMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE". ASSESSMENT CONCLUDES "SIMILAR INCIDENTS MAY BREAK OUT AT OTHER POINTS, PARTICULARLY IF TURKS GET THEIR WAY AT AVLONA," AND INVOLVEMENT OF BRITISH TROOPS IN AVLONA INCIDENT COULD COMPLICATE BRITISH RELATIONS WITH TURKS IN CYPRUS.

2. SECOND REGULAR ASSESSMENT OF SEPTEMBER 16 IS KEYED TO RESULT OF GREEK CYPRIOT ELECTIONS BUT ALSO REVIEWS EFFORTS OF UNSYG WALDHEIM TO RESTART THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. THIS ASSESSMENT CONCLUDES THAT EVEN IF FORMAL INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE RESUMED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, "THE CHANCES OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS REMAIN REMOTE". ASSESSMENT DOES STATE IT IS "CONCEIVABLE" THAT CONFIRMATION OF MAKARIOS' POLITICAL SUPREMACY MIGHT ENABLE HIM TO BE MORE

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